

*The 33rd Sunday in
Ordinary Time
November 14, 2021*

**Rite of Enrollment
for Confirmation**
Saturday, November 13 at 4 pm



Please pray for our Confirmandi as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

*James Buszko
Marelyn Castaneda
Breandan Connor
River Jones
Kylee Lehnert
Tristan Margist-Oscar*

*Evelyn Melesio
Gabriella Quiles
Kendall Smith
Karah Timmons
Patrick Watts*

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED IN THE PARISH OFFICE

With the holidays quickly approaching, the parish office is looking for a few extra hands to help us out as a Front Desk Receptionist. Could you possibly consider helping us one morning (9 am to 12 noon) or afternoon (12 noon to 3 pm) a week or fill in as a substitute receptionist when needed? Our volunteers are invaluable, and we appreciate them immensely! If you are interested, or would like more information, please call Kathy in the Parish Office at (302) 653-8279 or send an email to office@saintpolycarp.org.

THE GIFT OF YOUR TIME IS PRICELESS!

We are also looking for someone to help with the three bulletin boards outside of the church doors. Do you have time to create a background for Advent or stop by once a week to post flyers? If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Judy at communications@saintpolycarp.org or call the Parish Office at (302) 653-8279.

LET US PRAY

WEEKLY INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 13 St. Frances Xavier Cabrini
4 pm Terry Flickinger - Mike & Diane Dellinger
Sunday, November 14 33rd Sunday In Ordinary Time
10:30 am Parishioners
Monday, November 15 St. Albert the Great
NO MASS
Tuesday, November 16 Saint Margaret of Scotland/
Saint Gertrude
8:30 am Filomena Arguelles - Rodolfo & Josie Cinco
Wednesday, November 17 St. Elizabeth of Hungary
8:30 am Michael Powell Jr. - The Marvian Family
Thursday, November 18 The Dedication of the Basilicas
of SS. Peter and Paul, St. Rose Philippine Duchesne
NO MASS
Friday, November 19
NO MASS
Saturday, November 20 Blessed Virgin Mary
4 pm Parishioners
Sunday, November 21 Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe
10:30 am Trudy Kasubinski - Walter Kasubinski

Our Sanctuary Lamp in Church burns in prayer for Deacon Charles Robinson, at the request of Neda Biggs

Bread & Wine Offerings:

Tuesday, November 16th, in memory of Roxanne Trapani, at the request of the Marvian Family.

Saturday, November 20th, in memory of Donna Sosa Abraham, at the request of Joan Werres.

**We Pray for Our Sick and
Those in Need of Our Prayers**

To have someone's name added to the Bulletin for prayers, please email submission@saintpolycarp.org or call the office and leave a message. Names will remain on the prayer list for six weeks unless other arrangements have been requested.

Jim Walls, Ashley Pratt, Andrew Cella, Jr., Anne Borgman, Peter Borgman, Kaysie Borgman, Louis Terrenzio, Mildred Lux, Lily Griffiths, Rob Miller, Gordon Hollander, Carol Hurst, Ed Stachow, Patty Moon, Christie Moon, Ben Walters, Michelle Dean, Austin & Dylan Dean, Kenny Bullins, Deirdre Moor, Linda Blow, Mariann Pierson, Ron Ivory, Ruth Staub, Jaci Stokes, and all those suffering from Covid-19.

We Pray for our Deceased

John Stevenson, Stella Grelock, Christopher Fox
Richard Piekarski, Marie Mollick
May the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Prayer Chain - To request prayers or to be part of our Prayer Chain, contact Laverne at laverne427@icloud.com or (302) 653 - 8064.

Rosary by Telephone: Tuesday mornings at 11 am. Contact Jill at (302) 653 - 3836 or jill_mercer@yahoo.com.

Flame of Love Rosary: Thursdays at 6:30 pm in the Church.

Divine Mercy: Fridays at 3:00 pm in Church.

LITURGY

Blessings

The **Blessing of Veterans** will take place this Sunday, November 14th, at the 10:30 am Mass.

The **Blessing of Musicians and Cantors** will take place next Sunday, November 21st, at the 10:30 am Mass.



CHILDREN'S
Liturgy of the Word

The next Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) will take place at the 10:30 am Mass on Sunday, November 21st. To learn about CLOW, visit

<https://saintpolycarp.org/childrens-liturgy-of-the-word/> Interested in helping? Contact Erica at (302) 653 – 4101 or dre@saintpolycarp.org.

VOCATION CHALICE MINISTRY



The *Vocation Chalice Ministry* has reemerged for the praying for vocations. Each week a family will receive the Vocation Chalice at Mass and take it home with the promise to “pray for vocations” during that week. The family should place the chalice in a prominent place in their home and will gather together each day to pray for the awareness of vocations. At the end of the week, the family will bring the chalice back to church so the next family can take it home. A booklet will accompany the chalice that has prayers and instructions. We need your prayers and to sign up. Call or text Alice Gaston at (302) 670 – 7924 to sign up.

Family	Weekend	Mass time
Norstorm	Nov. 21	10:30
Brimson	Dec. 5	10:30
Taylor	Dec. 19	10:30

Arrive 15 minutes before your mass time and pick up (or drop off) materials in the sacristy.

THE SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE AND THE NEW CHURCH YEAR

Next Sunday, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, starts the last week of the current Church's Liturgical Year.

As we prepare to finish one Liturgical Year and to start another Liturgical Year, perhaps now would be the time to experience the amazing sacrament of Reconciliation. Does your life need a lot of re-centering, repositioning, and refocusing on God?

It is Jesus Himself who waits to offer you His forgiveness and absolve you of your sins in the sacrament of His great love and mercy. Confession is offered at St. Polycarp Church every Saturday from 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm in the Church.

LITURGY COMMITTEE NEWS

After the opening prayer, formation continued on the Mass with a Deacon. September's minutes were approved. There was nothing new to report on the St. Joseph's statue. New materials were handed out for each ministry.

Under the Liturgical Planning Calendar Masses were discussed for All Saint's Day, names of our deceased members to be included in the Prayer of the Faithful on All Soul's Day, the Blessings for November were discussed. **And there will be no Thanksgiving Mass at St. Polycarp's, only at St. Dennis.** For Advent, the Mass setting will be Mass of Christ our Savior and the pewter vessels will be used. **The Masses for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be 8:30 am at St. Polycarp and 6:30 pm at St. Dennis.** Eucharistic Adoration will resume on Tuesday, November 9th. The Flower Book for donations is set up in the vestibule of the Church. The Day of Recollection for Liturgical Ministers is Saturday, November 13th.

The Parish Council reported on the success of the Parish Picnic and the retirement celebration for Fr. Mast. The Annual Forum was on Sunday, October 17th. Updates on Deacon Charlie's memorial, the Knights of Columbus, the new parish secretary, and the mold remediation were provided. The Knights are working on the annual Christmas Party. Research is being done on badges for the Ushers and Greeters. There is a need for more Eucharistic Ministers to the Homebound and re-certification for all EM's will take place on the Day of Recollection. Rebecca Gibson spoke to the parents and students on the first night of PSR to recruit new Altar Servers.

Under new business: the sanitization of the pews, the new Breaking Bread hymnals, and an Emergency contact list was discussed. The meeting concluded with the Prayer for Vocations.

SOCIAL CONCERNS



THE GIVING TREE

The Giving Tree committee works closely with the Smyrna School District and our Parish School of Religion to identify children in need at Christmas. The **Giving Tree** is set up inside the **Main Entrance of the church** with the children's requests. Every child was asked to choose two or three gifts for their Christmas wish list. Please purchase one of these wish list gifts and return it to the Parish Hall no later than **Sunday, December 5th**. Your generosity will help to make Christmas extra special this year! **Thank You!** Questions? Contact Fran Walls at (302) 653 – 1450 or smyrnawalls@gmail.com

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

CONNECTED IN CHRIST Adult Faith Formation



Connected in Christ will be presenting a Scripture Study on Advent of the Savior – *A Commentary of The Infancy Narratives of Jesus*. The Study will begin on Tuesday, November 16th, in Mother Drexel Hall, following 8:30 Mass.

These infancy narratives of Matthew and Luke are an excellent Advent preparation for the coming of Christ, one “Who was, who is, and Who is to come” (Rev4:8). He who was born into our world through the maternity of Mary, also comes to us in countless ways, and will come to us again in the fullness of His Glory.

There will be four sessions including an introductory session and three lessons. A suggested donation of \$10 will help defray the cost of books.

Change the World: Become a Catholic!



A few weeks ago, we celebrated All Saints Day, as we recalled those “living witnesses” who with joy and peace, show us what living the Catholic life can bring. As witnesses to Christ’s love ourselves, we pray to the saints,

asking for their intercession for those who are discerning the call to join in full union with the Catholic Church.

If you know someone who is looking for a new beginning and wants to learn more about the Catholic Church, “**personally invite**” them to our RCIA sessions, taking place at the Parish campus on Monday evenings at 6:30 pm.

The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is for individuals who are unbaptized, baptized in other faith traditions or Catholic adults wishing to receive Confirmation and Holy Eucharist and seeking full membership in the Catholic Church.

We are all called to share the “Good News” and you can make a difference by simply asking!

Please contact Deacon Frank Weber for more information at DeaconFrank@saintpolycarp.org or leave a message with the Parish office at (302) 653 – 8279.

GIRL SCOUT NEWS



GIRL SCOUTS

The Girl Scouts are happy to welcome our new members as we begin our new year of scouting. The year began with our bridging ceremony held at Big Oak Park. The older girls had an opportunity to camp at Camp Grove Point – enjoying a night hike and a campfire cookout. The girls showed their community spirit while marching in the Smyrna Homecoming Parade. The girls showed off their artistic talents at a paint night where they painted pictures of pumpkins. Badges are being earned already, as newer girls learn the Girl Scout Way, and older girls learn the skills it takes to be a Special Agent.

If you know a girl who would like to join in on the fun and learning, please contact Tracie Bruno at gscbsu31@gmail.com. Girls in grades K – 12 are welcome to join at any time.

PARISH & FAMILY LIFE



COLUMBIAN SQUIRES

Please welcome and congratulate our two new Squire members Alexander Lail and Dak Kamara to the Saint Polycarp Squire Circle. They received the honors of membership on October 27th.

The Squires are a Catholic young men’s group ages 10-18. It offers teenage boys leadership training and moral guidance that will serve them for a lifetime.

The Squire Circle is sponsored by the Brother Vincent Knights of Columbus Council

For information contact Richard DeZao at rdezao@yahoo.com.

HAPPENING ELSEWHERE



Join Catholic Charities and Bishop Koenig **next Saturday**, November 20th, for the Annual Bishop’s 5K run/walk. This year’s event will be held in person and virtual. All proceeds benefit Catholic Charities outreach. Represent our parish (live or virtual) by joining the St. Polycarp Flames team! Sign up at: <https://runsignup.com/RaceGroups/35468/Groups/992871> Contact Lisa Titus in the parish office if you have any questions.

RETREAT FOR SURVIVORS

As the Church continues to minister to all survivors of abuse, the Archdiocese of Washington is sponsoring a retreat for survivors. The Archdiocese will offer a men's retreat on November 19-21, 2021 and the women's retreat will be February 18-20, 2022. These retreats are an occasion for survivors to reflect on God's plan for their lives and for healing through prayer and the sacraments. For more information go to adw.org/the-way-retrea... To register email mcdonald@adw.org or call Deborah McDonald at 301-853-4466.



A Rachel's Vineyard Catholic Retreat will be held on Friday, December 3rd, through Sunday, December 5th. This retreat is for anyone who has struggled with the pain of abortion. Whether you are post-abortive or associated with someone who is (parent, spouse, friend), there is nothing to fear and so much to gain. For more info contact Nan at (302) 463 - 7711 (call or text) or lucyminn929@gmail.com or visit www.rachelsvineyard.org.

RESERVED PARKING SPOT



WHAT: Help out the church with this annual fundraiser and Parish tradition of putting up a parking spot to the highest bidder! You will have the reserved spot (with your name on it) for one year. With the winter weather coming, you will want to have that close spot for you or loved one (maybe as an early Christmas gift.)

WHERE: Back parking lot by the brick wall around the HVAC unit, practically right under the portico!

HOW: Please submit your bid amount by **December 1st at 3pm** by emailing lisa.titus@saintpolycarp.org with the Subject Line: "Parking Spot Bid" or dropping it in the collection basket or black drop box under the portico labeled "Parking Spot Bid" with your name & phone number on it. Besides individual bidders, Parish organizations or groups can consider putting in a collective bid for your group. All bids **MUST** be in writing.

COLLECTIONS

This week's Second Collection is for St. Vincent De Paul. Please be as generous as your means allow. Thank you!

The Second Collection next week is the Catholic Campaign for Human Development.

November 7 Collection	Offertory \$4,774	Poor Box \$287
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Please consider signing up for eGiving to ensure your contributions are received even when you are not here for Mass. Recurring, catch up, or one-time gifts (please indicate your intention) can be made.

Visit faith.direct/DE831.

Thank you to all those who continue to send in their envelopes and for those enrolled in eGiving. Thank you for your generosity and continued stewardship.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH	
For the most up-to-date information, visit https://saintpolycarp.org/calendar/	
Parish Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9:00 am to 3:00pm	
Saturday, November 13	
8:30 am Morning Day of Reflection for Liturgical Ministers (Hall, Church, Library, Meeting Rooms)	
2:30 pm Confession (Church)	
4 pm MASS	
4 pm Rite of Enrollment Confirmation	
6 pm Confirmation Student & Sponsor Meeting (Virtual)	
Sunday, November 14	
9 am Grades P/K - 4, LESSON POSTED, NO IN PERSON CLASS	
10:30 am MASS (Blessing of Veterans)	
Monday, November 15	
6:30 pm RCIA Sessions (Library)	
6:30 pm Brother Vincent Columbiettes - Rosary (Hall/Kitchen)	
7 pm Brother Vincent Columbiettes- Meeting (Hall/Kitchen)	
Tuesday, November 16	
8:30 am MASS	
10 am Adult Faith Formation - Connected in Christ (Hall)	
11 am Columbiettes Rosary (Phone)	
6:30 pm Finance Council (Library)	
7 pm PSR Grades 5 - 8 (Rooms 3 - 6, 8, Hall)	
Wednesday, November 17	
8:30 am MASS	
6 pm K of C Officers Meeting (Hall)	
6:30 pm Baptismal Class - Advance Registration Required (Room 7)	
7 pm CFC General Meeting & Executive Committee (Virtual)	
7 pm Columbiettes Board Meeting (Library)	
Thursday, November 18	
10 am Seasons of Hope (Library)	
6:30 pm Digital Ministry (Library)	
6:30 pm Flame of Love Rosary (Church)	
6:30 pm Parish & Family Life (Room 7)	
6:30 pm Girl Scout Meeting (Hall)	
Friday, November 19	
3 pm Divine Mercy (Church)	
Saturday, November 20	
2:30 pm Confession (Church)	
4 pm MASS	

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS: NOVEMBER TO JANUARY

Due to early deadlines for submission to our publisher for the upcoming holidays, below are the deadlines for submitting anything to be published in our bulletin:

BULLETIN DATE	SUBMIT BY NOON
November 28	November 16
December 5	November 23
December 12	December 2
December 19	December 7
December 26	December 13
January 2	December 16
January 9	December 30
January 16	January 6